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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FOR MEDICAL FACILITIES FOR
AMERICAN PRISONERS IN ISTANBUL

1. THE MEDICAL STAFF OF THE SAGMALCILAR STATE HOSPITAL IN BAYRAMPASA, ISTANBUL HAVE CONTACTED THE CONSULATE FOR ASSISTANCE IN THEIR CAMPAIGN TO PROCURE AN X-RAY MACHINE. THE HOSPITAL TREATS PRISONERS FROM THE SAGMALCILAR PRISON WHERE AMERICAN PRISONERS IN ISTANBUL ARE INVARIABLY HELD. IN ADDITION THE HOSPITAL SERVES THE MEDICAL NEEDS OF A NEIGHBORHOOD OF ABOUT 500,000 POOR PEOPLE. CURRENTLY THERE ARE FIVE AMERICAN CITIZENS (3 MILITARY & 2 CIVILIANS) IN THIS PRISON.

2. THE MEDICAL STAF OF THE SAGMALCILAR HOSPITAL HAVE TREATED THREE AMERICAN PRISONERS WITHIN THE LAST TWO MONTHS. THEY HAVE BEEN HAMPERED IN THEIR CURRENT TREATMENT OF ONE AMERICAN (HARRY SALEH ADAMSON) BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF X-RAY EQUIPMENT FOR STOMACH X-RAYS.

3. THE CAMPAIGN FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR X-RAY
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EQUIPMENT FOR THE HOSPITAL APPEARS TO BE WELL-ORGANIZED AND LEGITIMATE. THE GOAL IS 875,000 TL. (\$50,000) TO BUY NEW EQUIPMENT. THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF THE HOSPITAL HAS ASKED, HOWEVER, WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN USED BUT STILL SERVICEABLE X-RAY EQUIPMENT FROM THE U.S. AT A LOWER COST. HE STATED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT

U.S. HOSPITALS WERE ADOPTING A NEW GENERATION OF X-RAY EQUIPMENT AND THAT A LARGE AMOUNT OF USED X-RAY EQUIPMENT MAY BE AVAILABLE ON THE AMERICAN MARKET. THE EQUIPMENT SOUGHT SHOULD HAVE THE CAPACITY OF PROVIDING X-RAY OF BOTH THE CHEST AND STOMACH. THE LATTER REQUIRES A 500 MILLION AMPERE POWER UNIT.

4. THE CONSULATE WISHES TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THIS APPEAL BOTH ON GENERAL HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS AND IN THE INTEREST OF HELPING SICK OR INJURED IMPRISONED AMERICANS. ANY ASSISTANCE OR SUGGESTIONS THE DEPARTMENT MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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